

The U.S. Embassy Kigali Opens 2014-2015 Fulbright Competitions

The U.S. Embassy Kigali has announced the annual competition for the Fulbright Junior staff Development (JSD) program. The JSD is the largest Fulbright Program, designed primarily to strengthen African universities through higher degree training (master's degree, master's degree with enhancement or one-year non-degree research for graduate students). Interested applicants must apply to the Public Affairs Office of the U.S. Embassy on official application [forms](#) no later than March 22, 2013. Find full call for applications on the U.S. Embassy's official website at http://rwanda.usembassy.gov/fulbright_program.html

Moroccan Alumna Samira Idelcadi is the January 2013 Alumni of the Month

Samira Idelcadi, a Moroccan alumna of the 2006 Professional Fellows Program, is the January International Exchange Alumni Member of the Month. She received this honor in recognition of her success in building on her exchange experience and increasing mutual understanding between the people of Morocco and America. In 2006, Samira attended the Teacher Education Institute in Boston, a month long teacher training program designed to promote critical thinking, civic engagement, and conflict resolution in the classroom. Following this institute, Samira gained additional training from follow-on U.S. State Department-sponsored programs including a "Civic Engagement" workshop in Rabat, Morocco in 2007 and the "Collaborative Art Initiative" in Tiznit, Morocco in 2008. <https://alumni.state.gov/alumni-story/increasing-mutual-understanding-between-morocco-and-america>

Continuing the Exchange after the Exchange Program Ends

Mikhail Nokhov of Dagestan, Russia, began sharing the knowledge he gained during his time on the Teaching Excellence and Achievement Program (TEA) with other teachers throughout Dagestan as soon as he returned home. In his own classroom, he also encourages his students to collaborate online with students from around the world. "Upon return to Russia I established a Teachers' Association in Khasavyurt City, which now boasts 73 members whom I regularly train and work with using materials and skills I gained in the [United States]," says Mikhail. "We hold conferences, workshops, and professional development seminars touching on topical issues such as integration of technology into the classroom. My trip also inspired me to become a member of a larger global community called the Global Classroom in which students from 26 different countries participate in exchanging ideas and learning from one another." <https://alumni.state.gov/alumni-story/continuing-exchange-after-exchange-program-ends>